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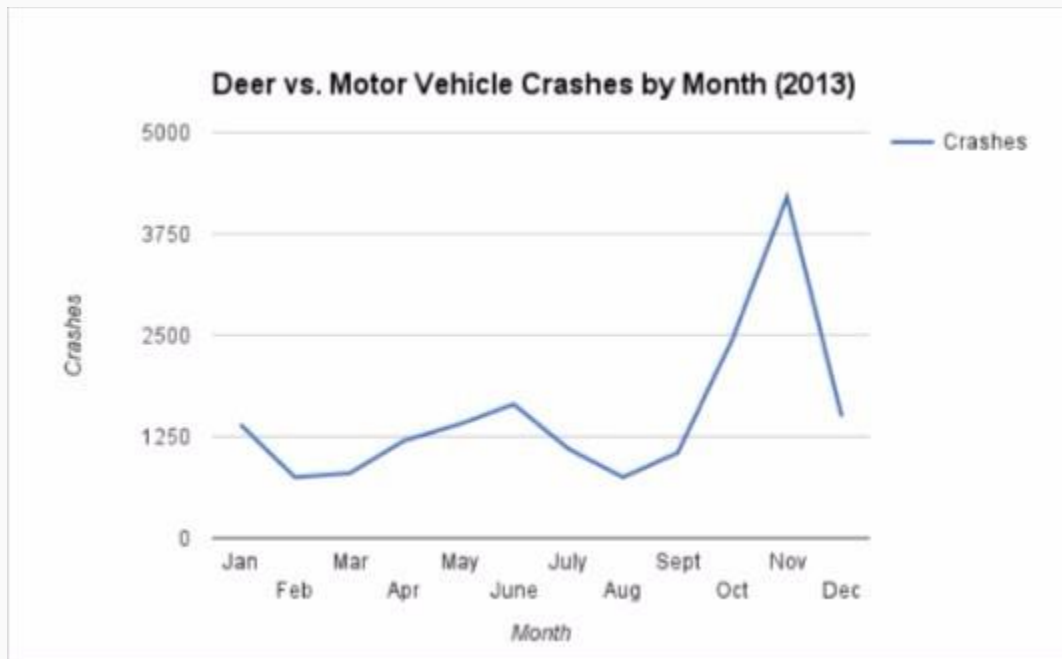
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Deer vs. Cars on Wisconsin Roads

As I was driving to the Capitol this week, I noticed a lot of roadkill deer on the shoulder. This is the time of year to be especially careful and watchful for whitetail deer on Wisconsin roads. Drivers may notice more deer movement and roadkill deer over the next month or two. Mid-October through November is statistically the peak “travel” season for deer to move in unpredictable ways because of the rut.

For the deer novice, the rut is the mating season for animals like deer. This means that bucks are chasing does and does are moving in patterns unlike they do throughout the rest of the year. They cross roads. They jump out of ditches. They just don’t think about things like our vehicles moving at 55 mph between them and the love of their life.

The following graph illustrates the significant increase of deer vs. car crashes in Wisconsin in October, November and December. While the data below is from 2013, the trend is similar every year.



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